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No space to even rest in peace

Despite repeated pleas by Chinnappanahalli residents, revenue dept not allocating govt land for burial ground

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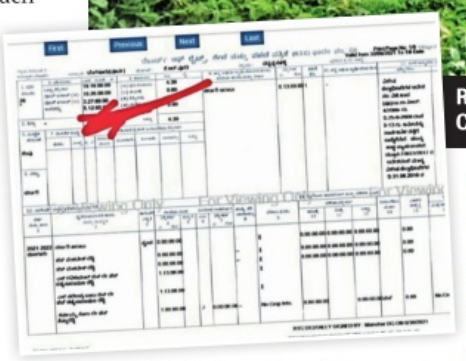
Residents of the area want a government kharab land near Chinnappanahalli Lake to be allocated for a burial ground



Residents of Chinnappanahalli and nearby areas in Mahadevapura Assembly constituency have been demanding that the revenue authorities allocate land for a burial ground as there is no such space within a 10-km radius of the area.

They said that they have to go either to Lakshmipuram burial ground near Halasuru or Kalpalli burial ground or Panathur electric crematorium to cremate or bury mortal remains of their near and dear ones.

"We are finding it difficult to perform funeral rites as there is no burial ground. We have been demanding and pleading with the revenue authorities to allocate the government land for the burial ground," said HN Venkatesh Reddy, a resident of Chinnappanahalli.

The residents alleged that a few government revenue officials are in collusion with builders and land developers to grab the government land near Chinnappanahalli Lake. They submitted a memorandum to Bengaluru East Taluk Tahsildar on July 26, 2021 and to Bengaluru Urban Deputy Commissioner on August 24, 2021 seeking allotment of land for the burial ground. "The government kharab land measuring three acres and 27 guntas is available near the lake but the revenue officials deny the existence of any government land," Venkatesh Reddy said.

Emphasising on the need to have a burial ground for Chinnappanahalli and other adjacent areas, Mahesh L, a resident said that residents of Chinnappanahalli, Hanuma Reddy Layout, Maruthi Layout, Veerappa Reddy Layout, Kodandarami Reddy Layout, Anantharami Reddy Layout, RJ Garden, Anandanagar, and Hemanthnagar have to struggle to conduct the final rites of their dear ones.

"There is no burial ground here. We have to carry bodies to burial grounds or electric crematoriums situated at faraway places. The revenue authorities must allocate government land for a burial ground," he said.

> **"There is no burial ground here. We have to carry bodies to burial grounds or crematoriums at faraway places**
> –Mahesh L, resident of the area

The issue was raised in the Assembly session. JD(S) MLA CS Puttaraju raised the issue in the Assembly seeking a reply from Revenue Minister R Ashok on allocation of government kharab land for the burial ground at Chinnappanahalli. However, Ashok stated in the Assembly that there was no government land available at Chinnappanahalli for burial ground.

"The government document states the availability of government kharab land. I do not know how the revenue minister said in the Assembly that there was no land available for the burial ground. I think the revenue officials have misguided him for the reasons best known to them," said a resident on the condition of anonymity.

The residents said that they have been approaching the tahsildar seeking allocation of government kharab land for the burial ground but in vain.

Meanwhile, KR Puram Tahsildar Ajit Rai confirmed the availability of 3 acres and 27 guntas of kharab land at Chinnappanahalli. "I have received a representation from the residents seeking allocation of land for the burial ground. There is a High Court direction in this regard. I will consider the allocation of land for the burial ground as per the High Court's direction," said Ajit Rai.

What's up? Nothing, just a hacker

Miscreants send malware, which if downloaded can prove costly error

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Many Bengalureans have lost money to WhatsApp call cons. Police sources said that miscreants were sending malware to recipients, which if downloaded, the miscreants can use to make calls to the recipients. The moment one receives a call, the recipient automatically logs of WhatsApp. Then the miscreant will download the WhatsApp on his/her mobile phone and start using it in the recipient's number.

As a result, the data is fraudulently transferred. There have been many cases where the miscreants send messages to the recipient's WhatsApp number with a fictitious message stating that s/he is in distress and needs financial support.

There have been reports of blackmailing too.

Meanwhile, cops say that 401 is the latest threat to WhatsApp. According to cops, they have received complaints where a phone user receives a phone call from a conman who identifies himself as an executive of a telecom firm. The caller tells the victim his net speed will increase if he dials prefix code added 401 with a number. Within a few minutes, the recipient receives a message on WhatsApp asking for a login PIN to set up his WhatsApp account on a new device. As soon as he does what he is told to do he gets logged out of WhatsApp on his mobile phone. Such users are trapped by the conmen who send money requests to all his What sApp contacts.

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WORLD

Boris resigns, but it's not a clean break

Prime Minister Boris Johnson announced his resignation Thursday amid a mass revolt by top members of his government, marking an end to three tumultuous years in power in which he brazenly bent and sometimes broke the rules of British politics.

Months of defiance ended almost with a shrug as Johnson stood outside No. 10 Downing St. and conceded that his party wanted him gone. "Them's the breaks," he said.

The brash, 58-year-old politician who took Britain out of the European Union and steered it through covid-19 and the war in Ukraine was brought down by one scandal too many — this one involving his appointment of a politician who had been accused of sexual misconduct.

The messiest of prime ministers did not leave cleanly. Johnson stepped down immediately as Conservative Party leader but said he would remain as prime minister until the party chooses his successor. The timetable for that process will be announced next week, he said.

But many in the party want him gone before then, and his government has been shredded by scores of resignations.

Among the possible candidates to succeed him: former Health Secretary Sajid Javid, former Treasury chief Rishi Sunak, Foreign Secretary

Johnson out as Conservative Party leader but would remain PM until party chooses successor

Liz Truss and Defense Secretary Ben Wallace.

After the latest scandal broke, Johnson clung to power for days, defiantly telling lawmakers on Wednesday that he had a "colossal mandate" from the voters and intended to get on with the business of governing. But he was forced to concede defeat Thursday morning after one of his closest allies, newly appointed Treasury chief Nadhim Zahawi, publicly told him to resign for the good of the country.

"In the last few days, I tried to persuade my colleagues that it would be eccentric to change governments when we're delivering so much and when we have such a vast mandate," Johnson said. "I regret not to have been successful in those arguments, and of course it's painful not to be able to see through so many ideas and projects myself."

About 50 Cabinet secretaries, ministers and lower-level officials had quit the government over the past few days, often castigating the prime minister for his lack of integrity. "It is clearly now the will of the parliamentary Conservative Party that there should be a new leader of that party and therefore a new prime minister," Johnson said. **AP**

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Moods of Monsoon

Protesting health workers huddle up under umbrellas at Freedom Park on Thursday

At present, domestic hazardous waste is collected under dry waste category and disposed of in landfills due to non-segregation at source

TOXIC LOGIC

Need of the hour: A fourth bin for DHW

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Domestic Hazardous Waste (DHW) appears to be nobody's priority in Bengaluru. DHW includes discarded paint drums, pesticide cans, CFL bulbs, tube lights, expired medicines, broken mercury thermometers, used batteries, needles and syringes, and contaminated gauze.

Whilst the list of DHW under the Solid Waste Management Rule, 2016 goes only so far, many more chemical-based products used as cleaning and sanitising agents qualify too.

Currently, DHW is collected under the dry waste category and disposed of in landfills due to non-segregation at source.

"Hazardous waste is Karnataka State Pollution Control Board's (KSPCB) responsibility. We are doing three-way segregation which includes dry, wet and sanitary waste. The volume of DHW is minimal; almost nil. The responsibility of the urban local body is to collect only household waste. Hazardous waste is in the ambit of the pollution control board," said a senior BBMP official.

Experts said reckless handling and improper disposal of DHW can pose a serious threat to human health in the long run.

Recently, the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) published a list of contaminated sites; Bengaluru has five such sites. KSPCB inspections showed dumping of municipal solid waste in some of these sites was the reason behind contamination.

> **"BBMP should include the fourth bin for DHW category to avoid chemicals being dumped at landfills**
> —Nirmala Shekar, project manager, Hasiru Dala

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Turn off the gas

14.2 kg LPG cylinder cost Rs 837 in July 2021; price hiked by Rs 218.5 in one year

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The consistent hike in the prices of domestic LPG cylinders has left the average Bengalurean household budget in disarray.

On Wednesday, the price of non-subsidised LPG was increased by Rs 50 across the country. The price of a non-subsidised domestic 14.2 kg LPG cylinder now stands at Rs 1,055.5 in Bengaluru, data available on Indian Oil Corporation's website showed.

Kirti Singh, a homemaker and a resident of Mahadevapura told BM that because of the LPG prices consistently rising, she has started to look for alternate options. "We try to use as many electric appliances as possible. But then that increases our monthly electricity bill; we try to manage by switching off the geyser or other appliances for the time being."

"There are people who do not even have that option, like my house help. She has many members in her family; so one cylinder hardly lasts 20 days. They cannot afford electric appliances; their salaries are not increasing either," Singh added.

In July 2021, the cost of one 14.2

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3 THINGS IN FOCUS

01 Leadership summit

UTKARSH is a national conclave hosted by Yi Bengaluru in collaboration with Yi chapters from Amaravati, Hubballi, Hyderabad, Kochi, Mangaluru, Mysuru, Trivandrum, and Visakhapatnam chapters with participants confirmed from 40+ cities. This event aims to spread awareness about "Youth Leadership", "Nation Building" and "Thought Leadership". 250+ Yi members from across the country are participating in this event. Prominent speakers from CII and other high-profile thought leaders from various industries and start-ups are invited to this event.
Where: Radisson Blu Atria Hotel, Palace Road; When: July 8 and 9

02 Human flaws and foibles

Hold The Mushrooms, the latest play being staged at Jagriti Theatre, promises to make you scratch your head and ponder at man's fallibility. It deals with a subject as old as time: prejudices and our need to cling onto them. Written by debutante playwright Binoy Mohan, the script also deals with coping mechanisms people resort to, especially when they don't have anyone to speak to or are unwilling to acknowledge their source of sorrow, he says. Directed by Arundhati Raja, a household name in the world of theatre, the play looks at a close-knit family of three torn apart by events that on the surface seem to be irreversible. Jimmy Xavier, RJ, voiceover artiste, and a theatre actor since 1998, who is one of the protagonists, says, "It's a fun play about the kind of relationship that a very urban father and daughter would have. The banter is what I love the most. I think people should watch it because it's a story that many will relate to and characters that one can easily identify with." **Where: Jagriti Theatre; When: July 8-10; Tickets: bookmyshow.com**

03 It's fest time!

BMS College of Engineering is organising an inter-collegiate fest Samskruthi 2022. Besides a variety of events, Spoorthi Vishwas, founder of IWAA Awards and author and Chaithra Vasudevan, Kannada Cine Actress, would be part of Samskruthi 2022. The highlight of will be the live musical concert of the renowned multilingual musician Raghu Dixit at the indoor stadium of BMS College of Engineering. **When: July 8 -10**

Brown gooey goodness!

Chefs and students of IIHM celebrated World Chocolate Day by displaying exotic chocolates at the IIHM Campus in Bengaluru

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Right time to get your booster dose? It's now

City docs welcome reduction in gap between second dose and booster shot to help increase vax coverage among people in wake of rising covid cases

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In an attempt to ramp up booster dose coverage in the light of rising covid cases, the Union Health Ministry has decided to reduce the duration of the booster dose from nine months to six months. This will make it easier for people to take their booster shots and increase vaccine coverage, according to health professionals.

As the third wave of omicron strain had been mild, many individuals started to take it easy and the demand for booster shots has been low. In spite of the stocks available in the hospitals, there are no takers.

The Union Ministry on Wednesday stated, "In the view of evolving scientific evidence and global practices, Standing Technical Sub Committee" (STSC) of 'National Technical Advisory Group on Immunisation' (NTAGI) has recommended to revise the duration between the 2nd dose and precaution dose from existing 9 months or 39 weeks to 6 months or 26 weeks. This has also been endorsed by NTAGI."

With covid cases increasing, according to World Health Organisation (WHO), globally there has been rise in covid-19 infections by nearly 30% per cent over the past two weeks.

The WHO chief had stated that delay in testing and lack of encouragement to take the booster dose were the key reasons for the current global surge.

With the concerns regarding the new strains of the virus and the new identified variant of omicron BA 2.75 detected in many states in India and even other countries, it has raised alarms once more.

While it is not yet known if it is more severe of transmissibility is high, taking precautions is a must, added the health professionals.

Dr Aditya Chowti, Senior Consultant, Internal Medicine, Fortis Hospital, Cunningham Road, pointed out that it was a good move to reduce the duration of booster vaccination as cases have been rising again. "The newer lineages of virus seem to be infectious. The symptoms are of upper respiratory tract infections. Time and again, vaccinations have shown that it can reduce the severity and it is important to get the vaccines for every individual."

Overall, in the state, of the 5,39,76,440 people vaccinated with two doses, only 36,97,990 have taken booster shots.

Healthcare workers who were the first in line to get vaccinated are yet to take booster doses. Out of the 7,62,210 healthcare workers who have taken their second doses, only 4,76,354 have taken booster doses. Similarly, in the case of frontline workers, out of 9,45,755 individuals inoculated with the second doses, only 4,61,644 have taken their precautionary doses.

Dr Swati Rajagopal, Consultant, Infectious Disease & Travel Medicine, Aster CMI Hospital said, "The variants certainly carry the risk of increased infectivity and hence spread fast. Hence vaccinations, with re-enforcement of basic practices like distancing and masks are important. Vaccines with the primary two doses with booster reduce the chances of hospitalisation and severity of infection."

Dr SN Aravinda, Consultant, Internal Medicine, Aster RV Hospital, pointed out that cases have increased slightly but people are seen recovering in two-three days with home isolation and hospital admissions have not increased yet.

He added, "No matter what the strain is, we need to develop immunity and booster doses will help to do that."

A senior gets inoculated with the booster dose at a PHC

> **"No matter what the strain is, we need to develop our immunity and booster doses will help do that**
> – Dr SN Aravinda, Aster RV Hospital

Imbalance sheet of 114 MLAs, 49 MLCs

Elected representatives fail to meet deadline to declare assets, liabilities to Lokayukta

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It is elected representatives who voted in the State Assembly in favour of Lokayukta. But it is the same personalities, who have continued to neglect the ombudsman institution by not filing their assets and liabilities every year before the Lokayukta.

According to a document availed by social activist Venkatesh HM, 114 of 224 MLAs have not filed details on their assets and liabilities. Thirteen MLAs, including Leader of Opposition Siddaramaiah and Minister for Primary and Secondary Education and Sakala BC Nagesh, who is expected to ensure clearing of pending files on time, have filed their assets after the deadline of June 30. Sarvagna Nagar MLA KJ George has sought 15 days to file his assets and liabilities with Lokayukta.

"It is the elected representatives who enacted Karnataka Lokayukta Act and now they are not obeying Lokayukta by not filing their assets and liabilities. These elected representatives have no moral right to advise people to follow rules and regulations," said Venkatesh.

As per Section 22 of Karnataka Lokayukta Act, every public servant referred to in Sub-Section (1) of Section 7, other than a government servant, shall within three months after the commencement of this Act and thereafter before June 30 of every year submit to the Lokayukta in the prescribed form a statement of his assets and liabilities and those of the members of his family.

If no such statement is received by the Lokayukta from any such public servant within the time specified in sub-section (1), the Lokayukta shall make a report to that effect to the competent authority and send a copy of the report to the public servant concerned. If within two months of such a report the public servant concerned does not submit such a statement, the Lokayukta, shall publish or cause to be published the name of such public servant in three newspapers having wide publication in the State.

As per Karnataka Lokayukta Act, the elected representatives have to file asset, liability details every year before June 30

> **"What is the use of publishing names of those who failed to declare assets and liabilities? It is a waste of time and loss to the exchequer**
> –Ravikrishna Reddy, activist

Karnataka Lokayukta Justice Bhimanagouda Shivanagouda Patil told Bangalore Mirror that he would give two months to elected representatives to declare their assets and liabilities. "Many elected representatives have yet to declare their assets and liabilities. I advise them to file it within two months. I will forward the names of those elected representatives who fail to declare their assets and liabilities to the competent authority –Chief Minister and Governor. I will issue an advertisement containing the names of the defaulting elected representatives in newspapers to create awareness among the public," said Justice Patil.

Pulakeshinagar MLA Akhanda Sriniavasamurthy told BM he would declare his assets and liabilities to the Lokayukta within a week. Meanwhile, CV Raman Nagar MLA S Raghu said that he has already declared his assets and liabilities to the Lokayukta.

However, social activists demand that the state government amend the Karnataka Lokayukta Act to cancel the Section 22 of Karnataka Lokayukta Act as it has failed to serve the purpose. "What is the use of Section 22 when the Lokayukta has no power to act against those elected representatives who fail to declare their assets and liabilities on or before June 30? There is no manpower or inclination at Lokayukta to verify the documents submitted by the elected representatives on their assets and liabilities. Lokayukta's duty or responsibility should not end with issuing an acknowledgement for the documents received," said Saidatta, a social activist.

Coming down heavily on elected representatives, Ravikrishna Reddy of Karnataka Rashtra Samiti said the need of the hour is to amend the Lokayukta Act to save time and expenses. "What is the use of publishing the names of elected representatives who failed to declare their assets and liabilities? It is a waste of time and loss to the state's exchequer," he said.

Absconding criminals nabbed after 13 years

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Two men, who were accused of attempt to murder and convicted by a lower court in Bengaluru in 2009, went absconding. After being off the police radar for nearly 13 years, the police have managed to trace and nab the duo. They were produced before the court and sent to jail to undergo their sentence. Venkatesh alias Perumal was picked up from a rented house in Madanayakanahalli, while Chandru alias Chandrashekar was picked up from his workplace in Kudlu Gate on July 4 and 5.

According to Banaswadi police inspector Santosh, the two men were accused in an attempt to murder case and the court had sentenced the duo for five years of imprisonment. A police officer said both were remanded to one month of judicial custody soon after the lower court convicted them. The two went for an appeal of suspension of the order at the High Court that gave them temporary relief. "Ideally, they had to attend all the hearings, but in the meantime, the two went absconding and the police had no idea where they had disappeared," said Santosh.

Later the High Court also upheld the lower court's conviction sentence, but the police could not trace the two. There were several Non-Bailable Warrants (NBWs) served by the courts.

It was then the Banaswadi police formed a team and traced Venkatesh's brother. The police only knew that Venkatesh's brother Arjun was a mechanic. "We got details from post offices and gas agencies to trace Arjun and our men learnt that Arjun was a mechanic and his garage was in Yeshwanthpur. The cops analysed Arjun's call records if he was in touch with Venkatesh, but in vain," said an officer. The police then picked up Arjun and grilled him to learn that his brother Venkatesh was living in a rented house in Madanayakanahalli. The cops went there on July 4, and arrested him, and on grilling him, he spilled the beans on where Chandru was put up. "Meticulous effort and team work ensured they were caught," said police officer Bheemashankar S Guled.

Bengaluru experiences coldest day of monsoon

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It was a chilly Thursday as weather gods reminded Bengalureans of a winter day. The city's temperature was one of the lowest even for winter days — with maximum temperature hitting 23.7 degree Celsius.

It was drizzling in the city the entire day. An official from the India Meteorological Department, Bengaluru said, "The weather change was due to multiple phenomena. While the South Western Monsoon is active, a cyclonic circulation lay over North West and adjoining West Central Bay of Bengal off South Odisha and North Andhra Pradesh Coasts extending up to 7.6 km above Mean Sea Level (MSL) tilting South Westwards with height. An offshore trough at MSL was now running from south Maharashtra coast to North Kerala coast. An East-West shear zone at 3.1 km above Mean Sea Level was running across north peninsular India." Rain has been predicted for the next five days in the city. For the next two days, the city will have cloudy skies with one or two spells of light to moderate rain. The maximum and minimum temperatures may be around 24 and 20 Degree C.

Top up

The heavy rain is increasing water level in reservoirs. The Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) reservoir in Mandya is fast filling up. The water level stood at 118.1 feet by 6 pm on Thursday (full reservoir level-124.8 feet). With 36,608 cusecs of water flowing into the reservoir, the officials have sounded an alert for the low lying areas.

Till a few years ago, KRS would receive excess rainfall during the first half of the monsoon and it would be filled up by mid-July.

However, in the last few years, the reservoir's catchment area was not receiving rainfall during June and July but it was receiving heavy rainfall in August. The rainfall pattern has once again shifted with June and July receiving heavy rainfall.

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Protesters huddle up under umbrellas at Freedom Park on Thursday

LPG prices leave B'lureans in a fix

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kg LPG cylinder stood at Rs 837 in Bengaluru. In one year, the price has been hiked by Rs 218.5 while the salaries of most individuals have stayed the same. Many people have even lost their jobs due to the pandemic and are struggling to find financial footing.

Riya Jain, 25, a resident of JP Nagar recently shifted to the silicon valley from Uttar Pradesh. "LPG in Bengaluru is costlier than in my hometown which had me worried at first. The price was almost Rs 150 more than what I was used to. But with the prices shooting up once again, my budget is affected. I am just starting out with my career. Bengaluru is not a cheap city at all." An increase in prices of food items among other things had already affected the household budget of many. "Recently, I found out that the prices of vegetables, chicken and eggs have also increased. Sometimes I feel it is better to eat outside as it almost costs the same now," she added.

As for other metropolitan cities, non-subsidised LPG cylinder price in Kolkata stands at Rs 1079.00, Rs 1,053.00 in Delhi, Rs 1052.50 in Mumbai and Rs 1068.50 in Chennai.

Vinaya K, 22, said she's been hit by the constant hike: "The recurrent LPG price hike makes life so much more difficult. It's very real when you live on a budget and cook your own meals. The hike tampers the budget I set for my monthly expenses. I earn Rs 30,000 a month. When you include rent, grocery bills, transportation costs, water bills, electricity bills and others, every penny counts. Over Rs 200 in a year is a huge hike. The government should do something about it."

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Lady of the trees is tagging them all

There are 1,000+ varieties of trees around the Ambalipura Lake

Resident of area near Ambalipura Lake numbers, GIS tags each tree locals planted nearby

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In a bid to protect the existing trees near lower Ambalipura Lake, a resident of SJR Redwood is numbering and GIS (Geographic Information Systems) tagging them. The trees, with their classification, location, nomenclature, and common name, will be uploaded to an online database.

Around the 7-acre lake are over 1,000 varieties of trees. After the lake was rejuvenated in 2010 with the help of residents, they carefully maintained the area and planted more than 1,000 samplings. They conducted plantation drives almost every year. However, one problem was that carefully nurtured trees would disappear and there would be no proof of their existence. That is when Kavitha N Kishore started this project to document every tree.

"I have been living here for the past 18 years and the lake is very dear to us. I have been planting saplings and have been able to observe the growth of the trees. Apart from this, I have conducted plantation drives in various locations and have noticed that trees would be lost to road-widening or would get chopped off in apartments. When the lake was turned to sewage, the trees in the periphery withered away. Almost all the trees were planted after the lake's rejuvenation. The project has been envisioned to protect trees under the rules and regulations prescribed by the BBMP Forest Department in protected spaces like a lake," said Kishore.

Residents from nearby apartments also assisted with the plantation drive. Kishore noted that a photo with GIS coordinates along with the taxonomy of the trees could be highly beneficial for educational purposes. According to data collected by the residents, only trees that were 2.5 feet high and with hard barks were considered eligible for the database. Most trees in the area are 15-20 years old.

"For the past 1 month, we have been working tirelessly with students of Jyothi Nivas College, painting numbers on the trees and noting down details about the trees to be fed into the digital database. We have officials from Lal Bagh coming to help us identify some of the lesser-known trees," she informed.

The project is in talks with BBMP, and Biodiversity Society is seeking permission to upload the database on their public server. The tree census is part of a larger project titled 'Sustainability of ecosystem in urban spaces', which explores the impact of lake ecosystems on nearby areas.

> **"GIS tagging will allow for authentication of trees. If there is no count, we will keep losing trees**
> – Kavitha Kishore, Resident

"GIS tagging will allow for authentication of trees. If there is no count, we will continue to lose trees. We have divided the lake into four quadrants - north, east, south, and west. The trees have been planted in a scattered fashion and it is hard to keep count without digital aid. Once GIS tagging is completed, users will have access to the latitude and longitude of the tree and other data. This makes it severely difficult for inconsiderate tree-cutting practices. Currently, none of the lakes have data like this," she further said.

For GIS tagging, the team used a simple camera app that allows you to take pictures along with their locations. The data being authenticated by officials from Lal Bagh helped the team curate more data on their botanical name, common name and uses.

About the initiative, Head of Botany, Jyothi Nivas College, Dr Priyadarshini, said, "We collaborated with the horticulture department and identified the trees. The task was carried out with the assistance of 25 students from Jyothi Nivas College. Students were involved in the project for the last 2 months during their semester break."

Killer water: Suo motu probe by Lokayukta

The Karnataka Lokayukta has taken a suo moto cognizance in connection with a case wherein eight persons died after drinking contaminated water in the state's Raichur district. Lokayukta Justice BS Patil also began a probe into the incident on Thursday.

At least 8 persons were killed and more than 40 persons had fallen sick after consuming contaminated water in Valkamdinni, Jukura villages of Gorkal Gram Panchayat in Manvi taluk of Raichur district. The incident which took place in the last week of May had created panic in the state.

HM Venkatesh of 'Naija Horatagaara Vedike' has submitted a memorandum in connection with the incident and demanded that action should be initiated against those responsible for the tragedy.

Lokayukta Justice BS Patil has directed authorities to supply clean drinking water to both the villages and submit a report on August 25. Notices are issued to the Additional Chief Secretary of Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department, Director of Rural Drinking Water Supply Department, Raichur District Commissioner, Zilla Panchayat CEO, and others. – IANS

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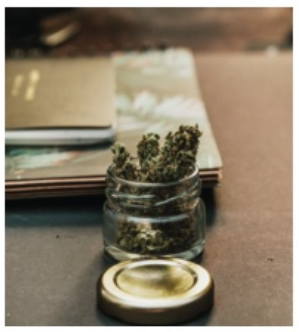

The Bengaluru Rural District Police busted a drug racket involving college students pursuing engineering and management courses at reputed colleges in the city. They were engaged in selling commercial quantities of contraband at house parties and pubs.

The Madanayakanahalli police arrested four students. They reportedly had credible information about a drug syndicate involving students operating near the back gate of Acharya Institute of Technology.

"While the front gate of the college area falls under the Soladevanahalli police station limits, the back gate area falls under our jurisdiction (Madanayakanahalli)," said Police Inspector Manjunath.

"They would share and sell the contraband in grams and rolls of weed at the parties where they found interested buyers
– Manjunath, Police Inspector

Cops deployed at the back gate in mufti managed to nab 2 of the accused students initially, and seized 60 gm of MDMA, 1 kg danja, and a small quantity of hydro ganja.

As soon as they were caught, they blurted out the names of their other associates who were also arrested.

The drugs have been sourced from a foreigner identified by the city police as Mathew.

Mathew remains absconding, according to the police, as he does not use a phone and is rarely spotted other than near a bakery in Nagawara.

Superintendent of Police (SP) Bengaluru District, Dr K Vamsi Krishna, told Bangalore Mirror that his men analysed call records of all arrested students and learnt that they were actively selling drugs since January this year. According to the investigating officer, the accused would arrange for a large sum of money and wait for Mathew to show up near the bakery. Upon his arrival, they would hand over the money to him. He would then ask the students to go to a particular spot where someone would have left the drug consignment in a bag.

The police do not know where Mathew buys these drugs from, but as of now, they consider him the case's king-pin.

The students would buy commercial quantities of MDMA, ganja, and hydro ganja in bulk from Mathew and take it to house parties and pubs where they sold it.

"They would share and sell the contraband in grams and rolls of weed at the parties where they found interested buyers. They would try to sell it to around 10 or 20 people while the rest of the partygoers would not be aware of the drug dealing," said Manjunath.

All four arrested students are reportedly either 21 or 22 years of age and residents of Nagawara.

Petition to expunge remarks

Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) ADGP Seemanth Kumar Singh has moved the Karnataka High Court seeking to expunge the remarks made by a single judge against him and the state anti-graft bureau during hearing of a bail petition in connection with a bribery case. The ADGP's new petition recalls Justice H P Sandesh's remarks calling the ACB a "collection centre" and Singh its head a "tainted officer". – PTI

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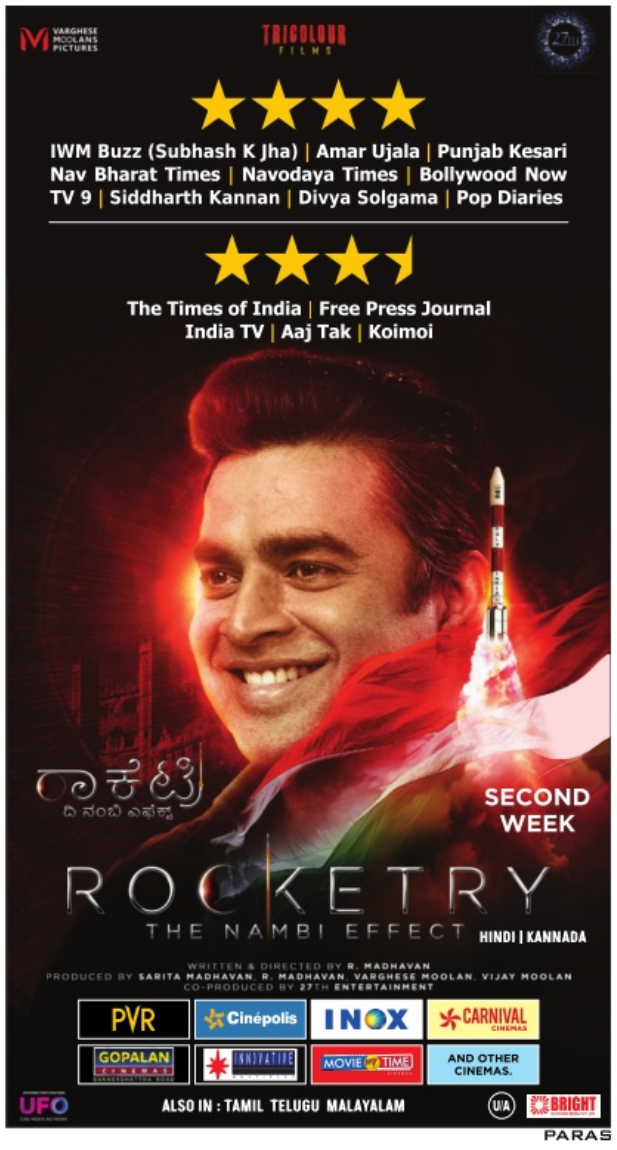

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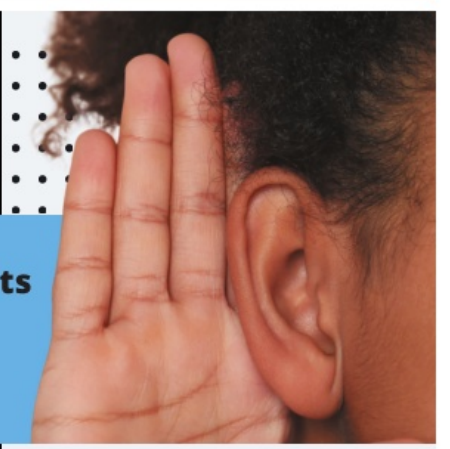

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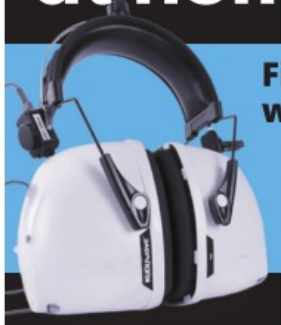

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I, Nagamani Kalluru residing at 21, 3rd cross RMS Layout, RMV 2nd Stage, Sanjaynagar Bangalore 560094 have changed my name to Nagamani Serevella vide affidavit dated 6.7.2022 sworn before notary Vijayalakshmi K Bangalore

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Yet another stray run over

Activists demand stringent action against animal cruelty

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Amid rising reports of cruelty against animals, activists are calling for stringent enforcement of animal protection laws and penalisation of offenders.

In yet another case of brutality towards animals in the city, a street dog was run over by a vehicle on 2nd cross, 1st stage, Indiranagar. Alarmed residents rushed to the dog's aid but were unable to save him.

"I was sitting on the balcony at around 6:30 pm on Tuesday when I saw the dog walking around and settling down near a car. Suddenly, the vehicle ran over her. Both the tires went over her. I screamed at the man, but in vain. By the time help arrived, it was too late," said Sneha Nandihal, a resident of Indiranagar.

The next day, another resident of Indiranagar who witnessed the incident filed an FIR with the Indiranagar Police Station.

As per the FIR, a case was registered under the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960.

"The offender was arrested yesterday and has been released on bail. The vehicle mentioned in the FIR has been seized and investigation is in progress," said Inspector Harish of Indiranagar Police Station. Noting that there has been a rise in cases of animal cruelty in the city, animal activists are calling for stricter enforcement.

Witnesses to offence against animals can lodge complaints

Arun Prasad, an animal activist, said that on the same day two street dogs were brutally beaten with an iron rod in JP Nagar.

"People are not aware of the legal protection of animals. Nowadays, a lot more people are coming forward with cases and people still think they can get away with their crime," he said.

Prasad said that social media and the advancement of technology has enabled faster reporting of such crimes.

"Back then there was no social media and people could get away with it. Today, anyone can click a photograph and report such incidents. While cases of animal cruelty are not new, more cases are being reported now," he added.

In 2020, BBMP had issued a circular highlighting the SOP for filing a complaint and conducting a post-mortem of stray dogs in cases of suspected animal cruelty, According to the circular, any person who has witnessed the offence can lodge a complaint and register an FIR under Section 11 of SPCA Act and Section 428 of IPC.

The complainant should also bring the same to the attention of the Assistant Director/Staff of BBMP (Animal Husbandry). In case a post-mortem is required, the concerned police station may file a request for the procedure.

Prasad added that citizens witnessing an act of animal cruelty can call the AHVS Animal Helpline.

Prominent dog activist in the city, Priya Chetty Rajagopal, said, "Cruelty against animals has been steadily dismissed over some time. Unless we prevent and address it, we will see a rise in crimes against humans. It's about time that the system realises the linkage between crimes against humans and animals. Such offences must be nipped in the bud and offenders must be penalised."

Activists also highlighted that there is reluctance from police officials to file a case about animal cruelty. They added that police officials must be sensitised and act as a deterrent to such crimes.

Hazardous waste nobody's priority in Bengaluru

CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

"Harmful chemicals at landfills can enter our food chain and cause irreparable damage. We have witnessed the impact of harmful chemicals from areas around Varthur and Bellandur lakes. Farmers around these waterbodies raised vegetables and crops using contaminated lake water. When the food items were analysed, high levels of heavy metals were detected. These harmful chemicals can easily seep into groundwater, contaminating the water table," said Dr TV Ramachandra of Centre for Ecological Sciences at the Indian Institute of Science.

As per SWM Rules, it is the responsibility of waste generators to segregate domestic hazardous waste, store it in suitable bins and handover separately to authorised waste pickers. It is the responsibility of the local body, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike in this case, to establish waste deposition centres for DHW so it can be safely disposed of. The local body is also responsible for safe storage and transportation.

Though the solid waste management department of the BBMP began preparing an action plan a year ago to find a permanent solution for disposing of DHW, it did not materialise.

SWM norms further mandate the authorities to create public awareness through information, education and communication campaigns and educate the waste generators to practice segregation of DHW.

The fourth bin

City waste management experts said a fourth bin to collect DHW is the need of the hour. However, the items under this category should be clearly defined by the KSPCB for the urban local body to implement the rule and for households to segregate them.

"It is time we bring in the fourth bin for the DHW collection. Currently, there are no strict guidelines from the pollution control board on this category of waste. It should be clearly defined with a list of items to be separately collected," said Rajesh Babu, co-founder Swachha Eco Solutions.

Experts noted there are very few hazardous waste management plants in Bengaluru to handle this waste in a complying manner: they are designed to manage industrial post-production waste and not post-consumption waste. Facilities to handle DHW should be established and dry waste collection centres (DWCCs) should be upgraded to store it.

However, experts BM spoke to are of the view that the idea of having a fourth bin is not that easy, provided the shoddy implementation of current three-bin system.

"We have failed to implement mandated three-way segregation. Despite having a decentralised collection system and processing units, a good proportion of segregated waste is not processed and reaches landfills. That said, BBMP should include the fourth bin for the DHW category to avoid chemicals being dumped at landfills," said Nirmala Shekar, project manager, Zero waste initiatives, Hasiru Dala.

In agreement, V Ramprasad, a city-based solid waste management expert, said the BBMP can achieve separate DHW collection through DWCCs.

"However, workers at DWCCs are not trained to handle hazardous waste. The pollution control board should enact the extended producer responsibility (EPR) and 'polluters pay' principle. Otherwise, people will keep manufacturing and producing hazardous waste without worrying about safe disposal," he said.

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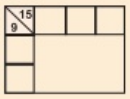
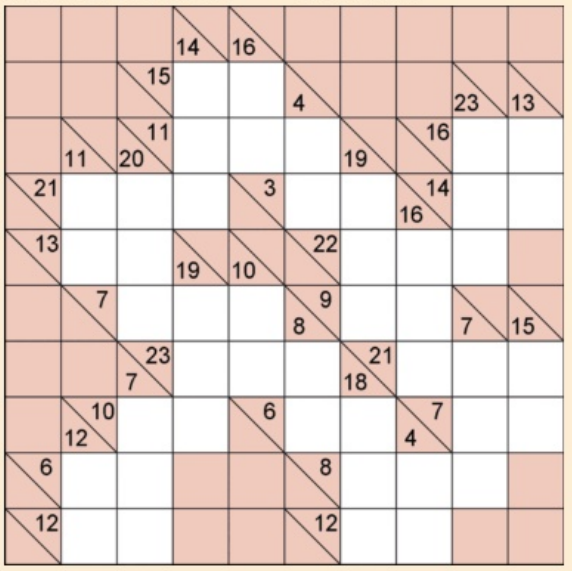
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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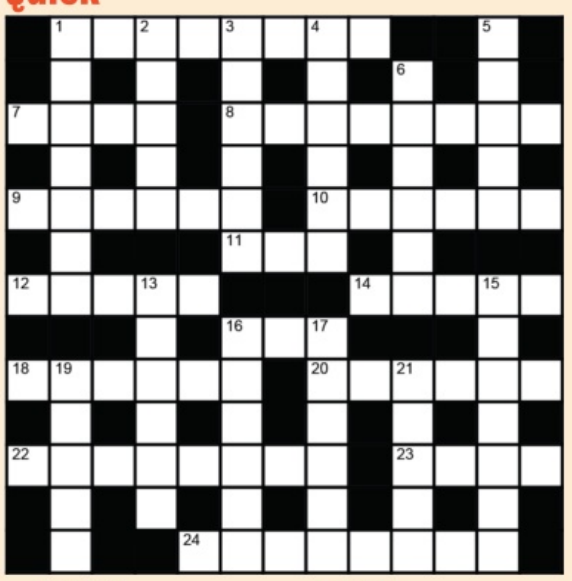


ACROSS

1 Avoid risk (4,4)
7 Long story (4)
8 Rose up (8)
9 Clergyman's discourse (6)
10 Happened or followed as a consequence (6)
11 Divine being (3)
12 Money prize (5)
14 Hard work (5)
16 And so on.... in short (3)
18 Guiding light (6)
20 Ebb or retreat (6)
22 Conscientious objector (8)
23 Chicken curry native to Karnataka (4)
24 Mental obsessions (8)

DOWN

1 Level out (7)
2 Frighten, disturb (5)
3 Robust (6)
4 Legendary; celebrated in tales or stories? (6)
5 At which place? (5)
6 Nearer (6)
13 Batting legend ___ Tendulkar (6)
15 Stringed instruments (7)
16 Attract or lure (6)
17 Mouth of volcano (6)
19 Establish by law (5)
21 Pastries (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: N EQUALS U

FMDMVB TYF KRQC BMN SR-PCL YVQRTC XZYF BMNLPCWJ.

Linemaro

I like what you are doing with your everything

Mindchow

The older I grow the more I listen to people who don't talk much

Joke of the day

My mind not only wanders, sometimes it leaves completely

Loop

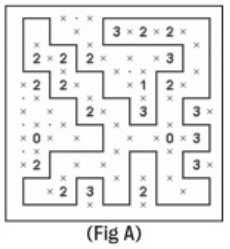
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

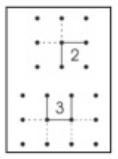
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)

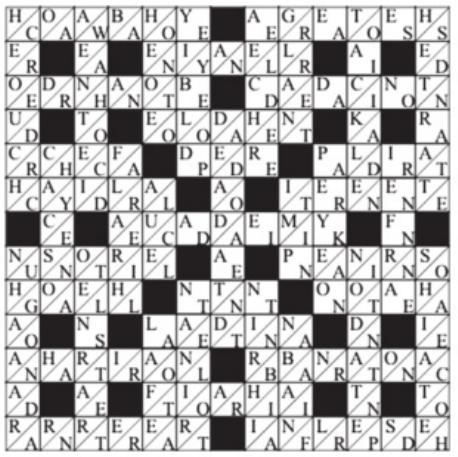


(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed

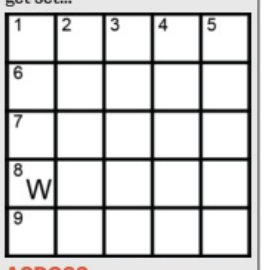
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Certs; 6 Atria; 7 Rates; 8 Hew at; 9 Slink

DOWN

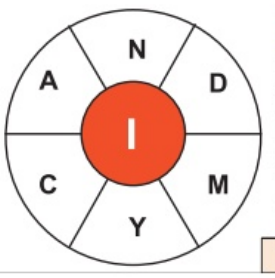
1 Raw LC; 2 Irish; 3 An tee; 4 Stake; 5 Start

Mensapuzzle

What goes into the empty brackets?

12 (27144) 3
13 (64169) 4
14 (125196) 5
15 ( ) 6

Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

05 Average; 06 Good; 08 Outstanding

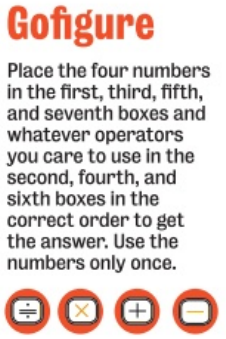
SudokuChallenge

9		6			7	5	1	
2		1		4			8	
	8				9			
		2	4					3
		8				1		
4					8	9		
			3				6	
	2			7		4		1
	6	9	8			3		7

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



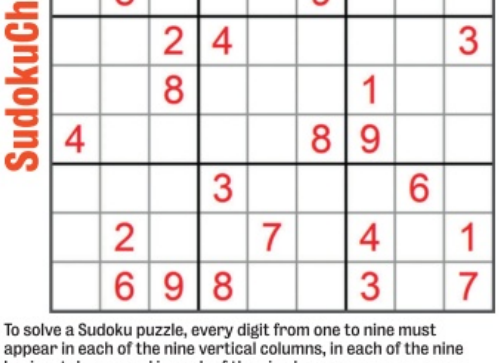
Easy = 15
3 5 8 9

Medium = 4
4 4 5 9

Hard = 6
3 5 7 4

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



Differences: 1. Picture is higher. 2. Spoon is moved. 3. Arm is lower. 4. Front of apron is different. 5. Sleeve is shorter. 6. Man is wearing a vest.

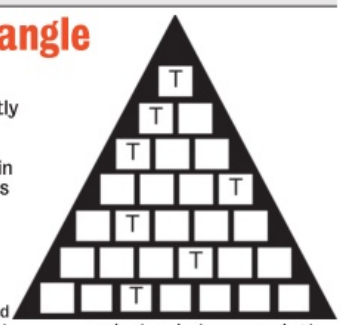
Riddler

When you behead a word, you remove the first letter and still have a valid word. You will be given clues for the two words, longer word first.

1. Take illegally -> Bluish green
2. Clean the floor -> Cry
3. Expressed in words -> Give assistance
4. Talk -> Highest level; summit

Alpha triangle

1 Twentieth letter
2 Et __Brute
3 "Stomach", shortly and slangishly?
4 Requirement
5 Play as a mandolin
6 Gather the troops
7 Mumbles



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

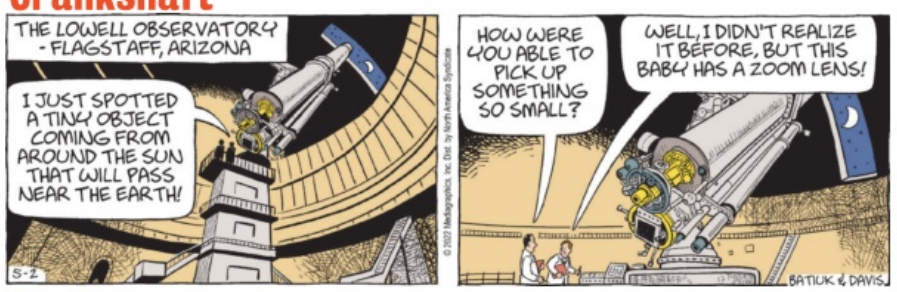
Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

Crankshaft



Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today you are blessed by the moon and will feel healthy. You may be able to focus towards your goals. Your performance might be very good at work, making your boss happy with you. You could get some important responsibilities at work. In legal matters, you might be the favoured one. You are likely to have control over your opponents and business rivals.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
You may feel more intellectual today. Controlling your temper will help you perform your task smoothly. There may be some chances for smooth earning, which may bring you comfort in terms of work flow. You are advised to be careful before making new investments in assets. You are likely to spend money for loved ones. Lovebirds might enjoy happy moments.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today your moon becomes negative and you may feel negativity around you. You may find your responsibilities to be a burden. You may be in a hurry to complete a task given to you. Avoid making silly mistakes. Your working efficiency may slow down, which could affect your daily work. Projects are likely to be delayed. It may impact your business. Take advice from your consultant before making any important decision.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you are blessed by the moon. Siblings may bring good news. You may spend your time with family and friends. With creativity brimming from within you today, you could plan to renovate your house or office. You may start new partnerships with a family member. It will be beneficial in the near future. Your juniors at work may help you with a project.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may feel negative. Tasks can remain incomplete as you battle mood swings. Your patience could be tested many times. Silly mistakes might confuse you or impact work. Lovebirds may find themselves to be confused in terms of feelings. High expectations may affect your emotional attachment with your spouse. You are advised to take care of your parents. Students may lose concentration.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
The moon is on your side today. It may bring you happiness and peace of mind. You may work efficiently in your professional life. Your juniors may cooperate with you to make some important decisions in business. You can plan to start a new venture with the help of your siblings and network. It may be beneficial in the growth of business. It is advised to take proper rest to maintain your enthusiasm.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today your moon becomes negative. You may feel detached with responsibilities you have been given. Avoid purchasing items that are not valuable as it can increase negativity in the house or office. You are advised to keep an eye on your opponents and rivals, otherwise you may be a victim of conspiracy. Read documents carefully before putting your signature.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
The moon favours you today. Expect to enjoy with family and like it at work too. You may be more polite with the people around you, which may help with smooth completion of your work. You could find some new sources of earnings, which may boost your savings. It is a good time to renovate your home or office.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
The positive moon's blessings will make sure you may enjoy it at work. Hard work is likely to bring rewards. Your social respect may be boosted now. Overworking your mind can make you tired, and due to workload, you may not be able to reach some family event. Health issues related to your parents should be cured now.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
You will leave work feeling satisfied today. You may plan for a short work-related trip. You may also plan for overseas travel. You can visit some spiritual place to maintain your inner peace. Your elders are likely to show you the right path, which may give you clarity regarding your goals.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may feel dull and nervous, so it is advised to keep your cool. Try to keep patience and avoid arrogance in your way of speaking. You may not be able to recover some money. You are also advised to avoid adventure tours. Students should go for in-depth study to get success.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. You may feel good, and domestic harmony will make you happy. You may meet some influential person who will help you get gain on the work front. You are likely to perform well at your job. You can expect some rewards in terms of promotions. Disputes in inherited property are likely to settle down.

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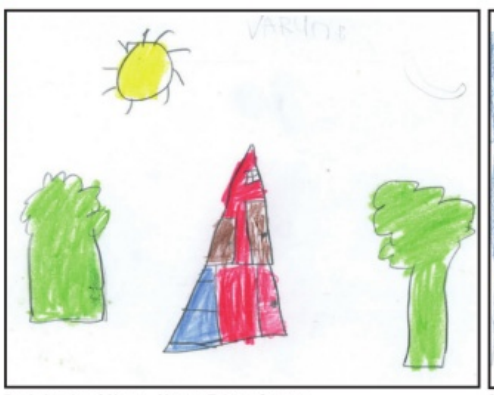

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
10-0+1=11

RIDDLER
1. Steal -> Teal,
2. Sweep -> Weep,
3. Said -> Aid,
4. Speak -> Peak

QUOTE UNCODE
Nobody can give you wiser advice than yourself.

BULL'S EYE
aold, amid, DYNAMIC, maid, main, manic, mica, mind

FAST FIVE

C	R	E	S	T
R	I	A	T	A
A	S	T	E	R
W	H	E	A	T
L	I	N	K	S

STRIKE OUT

A	R	R	E	A	R	■	A	F	R	E	S	H	■	■
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
216225. Square the number on the left outside the brackets and place the result on the right inside the brackets, then cube the number on the right outside the brackets and place the result on the left inside the brackets. Repeat this procedure throughout, so the last line is 225 (15 squared) and 216 (6 cubed).

SUDOKU

9	3	6	2	8	7	5	1	4
2	5	1	6	4	3	7	8	9
7	8	4	1	5	9	6	3	2
6	9	2	4	1	5	8	7	3
3	7	8	9	6	2	1	4	5
4	1	5	7	3	8	9	2	6
5	4	7	3	9	1	2	6	8
8	2	3	5	7	6	4	9	1
1	6	9	8	2	4	3	5	7

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, Tu, Tum, Must, Strum, Muster, Mutters.

GO FIGURE
Easy
3 – 5 + 9 + 8 = 15
Medium
4 – 9 + 5 + 4 = 4
Hard
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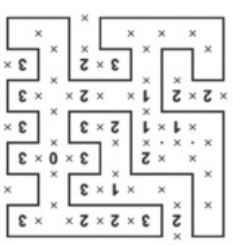
LOOP



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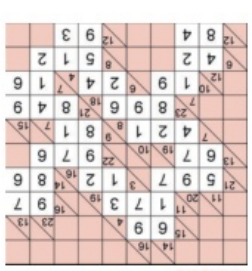

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Star entry — And the wait is finally over! Pakistani superstar Fawad Khan has made a grand entry in 'Ms. Marvel' show with its fifth episode. Fawad essays the role of a freedom fighter in the British Raj who falls in love with Aisha, a woman from another dimension

Lankasura is here

Vinod Prabhakar, the son of late actor Tiger Prabhakar, has decided to not just star in, but also produce Kannada movies. Tiger Prabhakar was known for acting in multilingual movies, other than directing and producing Kannada movies.

Vinod has launched a production house – Tiger Talkes - to promote and produce Kannada cinema. "There is no 'I' in the word Talkes. A numerologist has advised me to remove 'I' from the word talkies. I want to make more and more movies under this banner. My forthcoming movie Lankasura has all the ingredients needed to entertain the audiences. I put a lot of effort into shooting. My wife Nisha is the producer for the film," he said.

Crazy Star Ravichandran was the chief guest at

Lankasura's teaser launch. As usual, Ravichandran spoke at the function without any restriction or fear. He recalled his association with Tiger Prabhakar and advised Vinod to make good films. He also recalled how he happened to sound the clapboard for Vinod's maiden movie Dil in 2002.

"I want to advise Nisha not to become Nasha (intoxication). You have to be Nisha and encourage and support your husband to make more and more movies," Ravichandran said.

He also took a dig at Abisekh Ambareesh for arriving late. "I never saw his father Ambareesh arriving at any function on time. Now, Abisekh has been attending functions late," he added.

He said that many Kannada movies are being released every week and that would not serve any purpose.

"I want to advise producers and directors to spend more money and time to make good movies and plan to release the movies at the right time," he said.

The specialty of Lankasura is Devaraj, who is used to playing a cop in most Kannada movies, playing the role of a don. Meanwhile, Ravi Shankar, who is used to playing don characters, is acting as a cop.

—Y Maheswara Reddy

Fashion sense

Ranveer Singh has 2 set of clothes — 1 especially for B'luru

Actor Ranveer Singh never shies away from talking about his personal life.

During his appearance in OTT's 'Koffee With Karan 7', Ranveer, who is known for his unique fashion sense, opened up about how his wardrobe has changed after marrying Deepika Padukone.

"I am still managing. I am still figuring it out. For starters, I have two wardrobes now. When I go to Bangalore, there is a special wardrobe - white t-shirt and blue jeans. I don't want to throw them off," he said.

When Karan asked, "But are there difficult moments when it comes to adaptation?" Ranveer revealed that Deepika used to throw away his clothes initially.

"Yes, of course. But now we have been together for 10 years. Initially, they were completely thrown away like who is this, what is this? Especially Deepika Padukone's mom. She did not know what to make of me, honestly. We took time to warm up to each other but now she is like my mom," he responded.

The much-loved couple ceremoniously tied the knot on November 14, 2018, in Italy's Lake Como. The two wedded in a traditional south Indian ceremony, following which they also had a north Indian wedding a day after.

The couple has starred together in a number of films including Sanjay Leela Bhansali's 'Goliyon ki Rasleela Ram-Leela', 'Bajirao Mastani' and 'Padmaavat'. In January 2021, they featured together in Kabir Khan's '83' with Ranveer essaying the role of World Cup-winning former Indian captain Kapil Dev while needless to say, Deepika will play his on-screen wife.

—ANI

All masked up

Kim Kardashian made yet another fashion statement on Wednesday as she made an exit from the Balenciaga Couture dinner in Paris in a statement black mask, that covered her entire face.

For the dinner, Kim wore a sequinned black dress with a high neckline and carried a mini Balenciaga bag with her. Wearing a black mask, Kim sported her long bleached blonde tresses that tumbled down across her shoulders. Kim earlier walked the ramp for the fashion label at Paris Haute Couture Week. The fashion

show was held at the original Balenciaga couture salon.

Kim walked the show in a full-length black gown that had a sweetheart neckline, built-in gloves, and boots which is a signature silhouette of the label. Kim was among the many celebrities who walked the ramp for the Balenciaga Couture show.

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Samantha Vicky to pair up?

Actress Samantha Ruth Prabhu is all set to make her Bollywood debut soon. It was reported that she will make her debut alongside Ayushmann Khurrana in Dinesh Vijan's next. The latest buzz is that she is in talks with filmmaker Aditya Dhar for his film 'The Immortal Ashwatthama' starring Vicky Kaushal.

The report suggests that Dhar has started working on the script and he is in 'advanced talks' with Samantha for the female lead. According to Pinkvilla, the film is expected to go on floors in 2023. The casting is underway and Aditya has finally aligned his vision with the financials that his studio partner has approved. The report says that Samantha has liked the world of Aditya. If everything works out well, she will be seen doing an action-packed role.

On the other hand, Vicky is currently busy prepping for 'Sam Bahadur'. He will be invested in the biopic for 6-8 months and then do another film. Post that, he is expected to start shooting for Aditya's next.

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